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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CONCLUDES VISIT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU CONCLUDED HIS TWO DAY VISIT TO COSTA RICA SEPTEMBER 5. TREATIES WERE SIGNED IN AREAS OF COMMERCE, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, CULTURAL COOPERATION, AND FRIENDSHIP. CEAUSESCU COMMENTED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON CUBA'S RELATIONS WITH THE HEMISPHERE, COSTA RICA AND THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE TERMS OF THE SECRET COMMERCIAL TREATY.

PRESIDENT FIGUERES REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED THE ROMANIAN'S INVITATION TO MAKE A FUTURE VISIT TO ROMANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER THE LARGELY PROTOCOL-ORIENTED FIRST DAY
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(SEPTEMBER 4) OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S OFFICIAL

VISIT TO COSTA RICA, THE TWO COUNTRIES' PRESIDENTS AND OFFICIALS EMBARKED ON A FULL SECOND DAY OF TREATY SIGNING WORKING MEETINGS, AND FINISHING UP A JOINT DECLARATION. THERE WERE NO REPEATS OF PROTEST INCIDENTS FROM RIGHT WING GROUPS SUCH AS THAT WHICH PRECEDED THE ROMANIANS' ARRIVAL. KAREN FIGUERES, THE COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE, FINALLY APPEARED IN THE SCENARIO TO CALL ON MRS. CEAUSCESCU, APPARENTLY RETURNING THE LATTER'S FORMAL CALL. APART FROM THESE CALLS, MRS. FIGUERES MADE NO PUBLIC APPEARANCES ALONGSIDE HER HUSBAND.

3. FIGUERES AND CEAUSCESCU OR THEIR MINISTERS SIGNED

FOUR AGREEMENTS DURING THE VISIT. THE FIRST, A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, SIGNED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS, STRESSED MANY OF THE USUAL TENETS CONTAINED IN SUCH ACCORDS. RECEIVING HEAVY STRESS WERE VARIATIONS ON THE THEMES OF RENUNCIATION OF FORCE, INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES REGARDLESS OF SIZE TO SUPPORT FOR THE UN, AND AGREEMENT TO INTENSIFY AND EXPAND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

4. THE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AND ROMANIAN MINISTER OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY, BUJOR ALMASAN, REPORTEDLY SET FORTH JOINT PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN FIELD OF UNSPECIFIED "EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH" AS WELL AS PROMISING TO EXCHANGE RELATED EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT. THE TEXT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED.

5. A COSTARICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH PARTIES HAD AGREED THAT THE TEXT OF THE COMMERCIAL TREATY PRESUMABLY SIGNED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER LUNCH AT FIGUERES'

FARM, PRESIDENT CEAUSCESCU REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AND WENT ON TO REVEAL THAT ROMANIA HAD AGREED TO BUY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1,000 TONS OF COFFEE FROM COSTA RICA AND WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN BUYING BANANAS AND MEAT. CEAUSCESCU ALSO REPORTEDLY REMARKED THAT ROMANITTOAD AGREED AS PART OF THE COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT TO ASSIST COSTA RICA IN THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF PETROLEUM AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. IN A VISIT TO THE PACIFIC RAILWAY AUTHORITY, PRESIDENT CEAUSCESCU FORMALLY PRESENTED PRESIDENT FIGUERES WITH FOUR ROMANIAN "HYDRAULIC

DIESEL" LOCOMOTIVES PURCHASED AT A TOTAL COST OF \$660,000.

6. THE CULTURAL COOPERATION TREATY, THE TEXT OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, REPORTEDLY CONSIST

OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING RECIPROCAL VISITS OF WRITERS AND ARTISTS AND TRANSLATIONS INTO THE RESPECTIVE LANGUAGES OF LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

7. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SUMMARIZED THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, EXPRESSED MUTUAL HIGH REGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN WORLD DISARMAMENT INCLUDING NUCLEAR, THE HOPE FOR RELAXATION OF TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE NEWLY FORGED BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

8. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMENTS ABOUT FUTURE COMMERCE ARRANGEMENTS, REPORTEDLY SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT THE NEW RESIDENT ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN SAN JOSE, CONSTANTIN STANESCU, WOULD BE WILLING TO HANDLE CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA IF BOTH COUNTRIES SO DESIRED. CEAUSESCU ALSO WAS SAID TO HAVE OPINED THAT "CUBA IS A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY THAT SHOULD HAVE ITS PLACE IN THE OAS." COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS HAD NO REPORTED COMMENT ON THESE TWO POINTS.

9. COMMENT: THE ROMANIAN VISIT RECEIVED WIDE AND OBJECTIVE PRESS ATTENTION. SOME PRIVATE OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRITICISM HAS BEEN HEARD ABOUT THE POMP INSULATED UPON BY THE ROMANIANS AND ALSO ON THE LARGE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED OVER THE EARLY RIGHT WING MANIFESTATIONS AND NOISES AND MADE EFFORTS TO STRESS THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR WAS OUT OF CHARACTER IN THE COSTA RICAN SOCIETY. TREATY TEXTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT. VAKY

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